ARKANSAS WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



September 29, 2003

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REPORTING FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 28 OF THE 2003 CROP YEAR

RELEASED: September 29, 3PM - Fall has arrived with much cooler weather. There were 6 days suitable for field work. Soil moisture supplies were 2% very short, 22% short, 72% adequate, and 4% surplus.

CROPS: Harvest is winding up for corn, sorghum and rice. Early cotton is being harvested in some areas. Late planted cotton, specifically in the northeastern part of the state, has yet to be defoliated. Warmer temperatures are needed to open bolls. Late soybeans are being scouted and sprayed for insects. Land preparation is being made for winter wheat.

LIVESTOCK: Livestock were reported to be in good condition. Final hay harvests are underway. Producers are planting cool season forages and annuals for pastures. Spring calves are being weaned.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %						Condition %				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
CORN										
Harvested	96	89	91	96						
SOYBEANS				_	2	7	26	43	22	
Yellowing	62	45	66	52						
Shedding	40	28	45	51						
Matured*	27	20	29	n/a						
Harvested	19	13	16	16						
SORGHUM										
Matured	100	98	98	98						
Harvested	86	78	88	90						
COTTON					1	6	25	51	17	
Opening Bolls	84	77	93	92						
Harvested	11	5	6	20						
RICE										
Harvested	73	58	68	74						
WHEAT										
Planted	4	1	2	2						
Emerged	1	0	0	0						
HAY - OTHER					0	5	33	56	6	
HAY - ALFALFA					0	6	38	54	2	
PASTURE & RANGE .					0	7	32	54	7	

^{*}Soybeans matured data begins with 2002.

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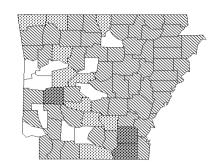
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SOIL MOISTURE SUPPLIES

WEATHER FOR THE WEEK ENDING:

September 28, 2003. Temperatures in northern areas of the state were below normal. Rainfall in most areas. Eudora and Stuttgart recorded the high temperature of 90° and Gilbert recorded the low temperature of 39°. Precipitation ranged from a high of 2.52 inches at Eudora to 0.00 inches at Booneville.



NO DATA

✓ VERY SHORT
SHORT
ADEQUATE
SURPLUS

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION WEEK ENDING: September 28, 2003

	DISTRICT TEMPERATURES					RAINFALL						
AND			DEP	WEEK	CURR		JAN-AUG					
STATION	HIGH	LOW	FROM	ENDING	SEP	SEP						
			NORM	SEP 28	ACCUM.	NORMAL	2003	NORMAL				
1 Fayetteville	83	40	-2	0.01	2.88	4.83	25.31	29.51				
Harrison	86	47	-1	0.07	3.27	4.03	23.63	29.08				
2 Calico Rock	88	42	0	0.05	3.08	4.08	29.20	29.37				
Gilbert	88	39	-2	0.22	2.36	3.73	26.36	28.60				
Greers Ferry	86	51	-1	0.08	3.12	4.10	38.61	32.15				
Mountain Home	89	53	0	0.46	1.86	4.33	28.33	28.51				
3 Batesville	86	50	-1	0.12	4.81	3.58	46.09	30.45				
Jonesboro	86	50	0	0.47	2.66	3.12	37.36	29.90				
Keiser	87	46	-1	1.30	3.48	3.65	33.36	33.10				
Newport	88	53	-1	0.22	1.95	3.49	43.16	31.37				
4 Booneville	87	47	-2	0.00	1.93	4.04	21.92	30.50				
Clarksville	89	50	2	0.03	1.74	3.88	25.21	29.53				
Dardanelle	88	51	2	0.01	3.41	3.56	22.02	31.18				
Ft. Smith	88	48	0	0.06	2.05	3.61	20.34	28.13				
Mena	83	47	1	0.03	3.80	5.07	27.24	36.74				
Ozark	87	46	-2	0.03	3.79	3.70	26.85	28.63				
5 Conway	86	50	-1	0.10	4.00	3.71	40.97	30.90				
Hot Springs	88	49	-1	0.17	5.07	4.05	33.37	36.94				
Little Rock	87	54	1	0.15	3.54	3.71	27.35	32.53				
N Little Rock	89	55	2	0.10	3.43	3.53	27.22	31.58				
6 Brinkley	87	59	0	0.57	2.77	3.02	25.83	33.08				
Marianna	85	49	-2	1.23	3.43	3.16	26.28	35.21				
Stuttgart	90	49	0	0.70	3.06	2.86	30.30	30.30				
7 Hope	87	55	2	0.36	2.68	4.06	30.91	34.94				
Texarkana	88	56	1	0.27	3.52	3.40	24.33	29.94				
8 Camden	88	54	2	0.63	5.71	3.60	29.63	34.72				
El Dorado	88	53	1	1.32	4.46	3.29	27.40	36.89				
Warren	87	52	0	1.16	3.65	3.71	32.05	36.68				
9 Eudora	90	56	2	2.52	4.87	2.71	32.07	38.85				
Pine Bluff	87	54	1	0.45	3.45	3.20	30.69	34.51				
Rohwer	89	53	1	2.07	4.74	2.91	31.08	34.70				